

# ***North Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter***

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*From – 08/03/2024 to 21/03/2024*



# North Neighbourhood Policing Statistics

## Top Areas for burglary/vehicle crime – 8-21 March 2024

*Halliwell – 5 domestic burglaries.  
Bradshaw – 5 domestic burglaries.  
Brightmet – 5 domestic burglaries.*

## Vehicle Crime

**21 incidents**



*21 incidents have been recorded in total for vehicle Theft, Theft from Vehicles and Vehicle Interference from 8-21 March 2024.*



## Good News Stories



*On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024, officers from the Bolton North Neighbourhood team seized a vehicle in Brightmet. The driver was reported for having no insurance and driving without a full licence. When tested he was also found to be under the influence of cannabis and was wanted for breaching bail conditions. The driver was arrested.*

## Residential Burglaries

**24 burglaries**



*24 incidents have been recorded in total for Residential Burglaries from 8-21 March 2024.*

## Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Related Crimes

**37 incidents**



*37 incidents have been recorded for Public Order from 8-21 March 2024.*

## ***North Neighbourhood by Area***

### **HALLIWELL OVERVIEW**

***5 domestic burglaries. 3 vehicle offences.***

*There were no repeat locations for these offences. No vehicles were stolen.*

### **SMITHILLS OVERVIEW**

***1 domestic burglaries. 4 vehicle offence.***

*There were no repeat locations for these offences. No vehicles were stolen.*

### **CROMPTON WEST OVERVIEW**

***2 domestic burglary. 3 vehicle offences.***

*Three of these offences were on Torrington Avenue. No vehicles were stolen.*

### **CROMPTON EAST/HALLITHWOOD OVERVIEW**

***One domestic burglary. 3 vehicle offence.***

*There were no repeat locations for these offences Two vehicles were stolen.*

### **ASTLEY BRIDGE OVERVIEW**

***One domestic burglary. No vehicle offences.***

### **BROMLEY CROSS OVERVIEW**

***2 domestic burglaries. 2 vehicle offences.***

*There were no repeat locations for these offences. One vehicle was stolen.*

### **BRADSHAW OVERVIEW**

***5 domestic burglaries. 3 vehicle offences.***

*There were no repeat locations for these offences. Three vehicles were stolen.*

### **BREIGHTMET OVERVIEW**

***5 domestic burglaries. 1 vehicle offence.***

*There were no repeat locations for these offences. No vehicles were stolen.*

### **TONGE & THE HAULGH OVERVIEW**

***2 domestic burglaries. 2 vehicle offences.***

*Two burglaries took place at Scowcroft Drive. No vehicles were stolen.*

## ***Burglary alert – Harwood area***

There has been a recent spike in domestic burglaries in the Harwood area of Bolton. Properties with high performance vehicles parked outside and on driveways have been targeted.

Offenders have used the lock-snap method to gain entry to houses. They are breaking in overnight, usually in the early hours of the morning and are searching houses for vehicle keys. There have been six of these burglaries in Harwood since 5 March 2024.

To deter offenders, try anti snap locks on your property and consider increasing the security of your vehicle by using a steering lock or similar device which will be visible to potential car thieves.

Follow link below for advice on how to prevent lock snapping.

**[What is Lock Snapping & How to Prevent It - Master Locksmiths Association](#)**



# LOCK SNAPPING BURGLARIES

## TOP TIPS ON STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR HOME

- 1 Look to upgrade euro cylinder locks on your external doors to an anti snap cylinder with a 3 star rating under TS 007 and/or the Sold Secure Diamond Standard.
- 2 Consider improving your door handles and by replacing them with a 2 star rating under TS 007. These locks can also protect against blow torch burglaries.
- 4 Use a reputable lock replacement company, preferably with Master Locksmiths Association accreditation. Visit [www.locksmiths.co.uk](http://www.locksmiths.co.uk) for more information.
- 5 You may also be able to fit sash jammers to your doors, which can help to prevent burglaries. Check it won't invalidate any warranty on an existing door.
- 6 Consider fitting additional locks to patio and French doors to increase security.



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# PROTECTING YOUR CAR

## TOP TIPS ON STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR CAR

- 1 Always lock your vehicle, and never leave the engine running while unattended.
- 2 Keep car keys hidden and secured in a safe place, away from doors and windows. Consider purchasing a metal lock box or safe to store your keys in.
- 3 Keyless car theft, or 'relay theft', is when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by; this unlocks the car and starts the ignition. Protect your keyless car from being stolen by using a screened or signal-blocking pouch, such as a Faraday Pouch. The metal protective layer prevents the key signal from being intercepted.
- 3 Consider using a Sold Secure steering lock to deter thieves. A gear lever or clutch pedal security device can also give your car added protection.
- 4 If you can, keep your car in a garage. This prevents easy access, and also keeps it out of sight from any potential thieves.
- 6 If parking on the street, avoid parking in dark and secluded areas, and opt for a busy and well-lit street instead. Look for illuminated and staffed car parks, or those with a Park Mark safer parking award.

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# North Neighbourhood Policing Priorities



**Violent Crime / On street drug supply in Halliwell. Primarily in the School Hill and Brownlow fold areas. Officers are conducting high visibility patrolling at peak times to identify possible offenders and reassure the public. They will also be utilising their stop and search powers to detect offences and will arrest anyone found in possession of controlled drugs and / or weapons.**



**Vehicle crime, specifically thefts of vehicles and thefts of items from vehicles in the Astley Bridge and Halliwell areas. The offences are occurring mostly overnight on Blackburn Road and the surrounding area. Officers will be patrolling the area at peak times to detect and deter offenders and provide reassurance to the public.**



**Operation Portman / Op Limit – tackling speeding and traffic related offences on priority routes across the Bolton North area. The worst affected roads are Moss Bank Way, Halliwell Rd, Bury Rd and Blackburn Rd. Peak times, mid to late afternoon.**

## Burglaries.

**How secure is your door? Burglars can break into your home by snapping the lock. Keep them at bay by upgrading your euro cylinder locks to an anti-snap cylinder with a TS007 3-star rating and/or the Sold Secure Diamond Standard.**

## Vehicle Crime.

**Offenders are on the look -out for items they can easily steal from vehicles. Take care to keep vehicles secure when unattended. Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle overnight. If you have cctv at home, try to have this covering your vehicle when it is parked up, to deter offenders.**

## **Crime Prevention - Links to crime prevention advice:**

[Crime prevention advice | Greater Manchester Police \(gmp.police.uk\)](https://www.gmp.police.uk/)

[Prevent Keyless Car Theft \(8 Quick Tips\) & What Relay Theft is \(locksmiths.co.uk\)](https://www.locksmiths.co.uk/)

[Preventing car and vehicle theft | Crime Prevention | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk/)

# North Neighbourhood Upcoming PACT Meetings and Contact Details

## Upcoming PACT Meetings

***Do you have any concerns you need to raise? Please take the time to attend one of our upcoming Partnerships and Community Together (PACT) Meetings***

*Crompton West – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 06.00pm to 07.30pm at All Souls Community Centre, Astley Street, BL1 8EG.*



## Bee in the Loop

*Bee in the Loop is our new way of communicating with our communities. It gives you the opportunity to choose what information you'd like to know about, including crime and incidents in your local area.*

*Members of the community can sign up with their postcode so GMP can send targeted messaging to those communities about the issues that matter to them, which will go to them directly via email or text.*



## Contact the Team

***Do you have any questions? Please feel free to contact one of the members of the North Neighbourhood Team listed below.***

*Inspector Lisa Clarke, North Neighbourhood Inspector –*  
[17196@gmp.police.uk](mailto:17196@gmp.police.uk)

*Sergeant Chris Gaskell, Halliwell and Smithills Sergeant –*  
[11469@gmp.police.uk](mailto:11469@gmp.police.uk)

*Sergeant Zach Keneally, Crompton, Astley Bridge, Bromley Cross and Bradshaw Sergeant –*  
[15705@gmp.police.uk](mailto:15705@gmp.police.uk)

*Admin point of contact in the North Neighbourhood Office –*  
[boltonnorth@gmp.police.uk](mailto:boltonnorth@gmp.police.uk)

